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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:



the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_,  
which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))



publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))



international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

the international application as originally filed/furnished



the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished

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the claims:

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_



the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_



the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_



the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_



the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

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**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2-7, 9-11</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1.8.12</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>2.3</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1.4-7.8-12</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention relates to a method and a device for managing a battery system including a number of serially coupled batteries, voltage detecting means, DC-to-DC converting means and a controller for detecting and controlling the voltage distribution over the batteries. The invention also relates to a computer readable medium comprising instructions for enabling a computer to perform the method according to the invention.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US6275004 B1

D2: US6046573 A

D3: US5656920 A.

Claims 1 and 8

The invention according to claim 1 includes following steps:

1. Detecting the battery voltage over the batteries of the battery system.

2. Utilizing a voltage imbalance between batteries of the system during operation of the battery system.

Document D1, which is considered to represent the closest prior art, describes an apparatus for balancing a battery module including a plurality of batteries in the battery module. A DC-DC converter is monitors at least one of the battery voltages and controls the battery voltage of the battery with reference to the monitored battery voltage.

A method and a device according to claims 1 and 8 are known

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from document D1. Thus, the invention defined in claims 1 and 8 is not new and lacks novelty and inventive step.

Consequently, the invention defined in claim 12 is not new and lacks novelty and inventive step.

Claims 4-7 and 9-11

Dependent claims 4-7 and 9-11 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step.

The invention is industrially applicable.